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Daniel D. Opalski, Director,
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Dear Mr. Opalski:

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) CONCURRENCE ON
THE SECOND COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE COMPENSATION
AND LIABILITY ACT (CERCLA) FIVE-YEAR REVIEW REPORT FOR THE
HANFORD SITE**

After obtaining clarification on EPA expectations, as discussed with Alicia Boyd on May 22, 2007, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) agrees that the actions requested in the May 4, 2007 subject letter are appropriate and will facilitate moving the Hanford CERCLA cleanup forward. However, DOE is concerned that completion of the actions by the due dates stated in the EPA letter may not be achievable due to schedule uncertainties related to actions over which DOE does not have complete control. Such actions include approval and finalization of the River Corridor Baseline Risk Assessment Report and reaching agreement between the Tri-Party Agencies on a strategy for obtaining final Records of Decision for the River Corridor. While DOE looks forward to working diligently with EPA to implement these proposed actions in reasonable timeframes, we also need to preserve the option of working with EPA in the future to revise the suggested completion dates if needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Pete J. Garcia, Jr., Director, Safety and Engineering Division, on (509) 372-1909.

Sincerely

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